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BLANKETS AND YARNS,

MAIN STREET, MANAYUNK.

Philadelphia, July 27, 1887

H. K. Jamison July 27. 1887

Mr. Wm. Brewster,

Dear Sir, -

I have taken a nest of warbler's eggs which I have been very anxious to know the name of but as yet have met no one who could identify them, so at the suggestion of Mr. S. B. Ladd, of West Chester, who tells me you are always willing to help an earnest oologist, I am sending the nest and four eggs to you, and trust you may kindly give me your opinion of them.

On May 18th, I entered a thicket of oak, hickory & huckle-berry sprouts, vines &c, which grew densely and from three to six or seven feet high on ground which had been cleared four or five years ago - high - dry ground. I was visiting a Prairie Warbler's nest which I had found a few days before. Just as I left it I noticed this ~~nest~~ nameless nest which was placed loosely in a small bunch of laurel bushes whose sprouts were about six inches high; it was pretty well

shaded by the leaves and my discovery was quite accidental. There was no bird near it but it held three eggs. About noon on the 20th I returned for it; the female (?) was on it and I approached to within 30 or 4 yds of her. ~~the~~ With my field glass I carefully examined it and noticed a faint whitish ring about the eye, a dark olive back and when it flew off I noticed that it was rich yellow about the vent; the fore part of the breast I did not see. The locality was Centerville Township, Fairfax Co., Va. When I was coming through Washington I showed the nest and eggs to Capt Bendire, who at first positively pronounced them Maryl. Yellow T. but on seeing nest and my telling its situation he said it could not be M. Y.

Comparing the eggs to some in the Nat'l Museum we saw that they resembled Hooded but the nest is too bulky; Mr. Ridgway showed me a number of skins, of which I thought that of the female Mourning W. tallied more nearly than any others. Finally both Mr. R. & Capt B. gave me there opinion that it was the Hooded but could not account for the peculiar nest; I do not think it is Hooded as the female of that species does not agree with the bird I saw. Trusting you will examine these eggs I am yours respectfully.

H. K. Jamison

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MAIN STREET, MANAYUNK.

Philadelphia, August 2nd, 1887

Mr. Wm. Brewster,

Dear Sir, -

Your letter and the box have just been received. Please accept my thanks for your kind interest in this nest of eggs.

Your opinion that they are Yellow throats, was Capt Bendire's when he first saw them, having nothing at hand to compare them with; he so pronounced, emphatically and without any hesitation; but comparing them to the series in his collection, he rejected that idea and told me he was quite sure they were not Yellowthroat.

Possibly I did not describe the locality clearly enough. As I said in my other letter the nest was placed loosely in a bunch of laurel sprouts a few inches high, in a thicket of oak hickory, maple sprouts, vines &c., growing closely together and from three to six feet high; it was forty or fifty yards from any clearing, & on high level ground. Both Mr. R. & Capt B. said a Yellow-throat never built in such a

situation as far as they knew. The day after taking this nest I flushed a female Yellow throat from its nest in a bunch of grass in an old corn-field; I shot it as it flew out and am quite satisfied on examining it that the bird I saw on the other nest was not of this species.

There is a continual ascent from Washington to Clifton, Fairfax Co., Va., but I have no way of ascertaining its elevation; it is twenty five miles west of the Dist. of Columbia.

As stated in my other letter Mr. Ridgway showed me the females of all warblers that this might belong to, and the Mourning was the one which answered my description. Mr. R. said the Mourning might possibly breed there but he did not think it probable. I enclose a list of nests found in that locality during seasons of 1884 & '87.

I would be very glad to hear if you are still of the opinion that these are Yellow throats or not.

Yours sincerely
Harry A. Jamison.

Progress Mills
Manayunk, Pa.

H. K. Jamison
Aug. 2. 1887
In re nest G. trichas?

Nests found in Centerville Township, Fairfax Co., Va. 1884 & '87

Bob-white — 1 nest
Mourning dove — 3 "
Turkey Vulture — 1
Coopers Hawk — 2
Y. B. Cuckoo — 1
B. B. " — 1
Whip-poor-will — 5
Hummingbird — 1
Kingbird — 4
Crested Flycatcher — 1
Phoebe — 4
Acadian Flyc. — 3
Blue Jay — 1
Crow — 10
Red wing Blkbird 2
Orchard Oriole 1
Chipping Sparrow 6
Field " about 25
Towhee 5
Cardinal 28
Indigo B. 2
Cliff Swallow 4
Rough w. " 1

Cedar bird — 3
Red-eye Vireo — 5
White " " — 3
Ovenbird — 5
Chat — 22
Catbird — abundant.
Thrasher — 3
House Wren — 4
Wood Thrush — 5
Robin — 3
Bluebird — 7
Red Tail Hawk — 1
Prairie Warbler — 36
Goldfinch — 1
Wood Pewee — 1
Sharp-shin. Hawk — 1
Chickadee — 2
Blk & white Warbler — 1
Maryland Yellow t. — 1
Yellow-t Vireo — 1
Scarlet Tanager — 3
Summer " — 2

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RICHARD HEY,

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MAIN STREET, MANAYUNK.

Philadelphia, Aug. 16th, 1887.

Mr. Wm. Brewster,

Dear Sir,-

Since writing you last I have come upon a brief memorandum about my doubtful Warbler, possibly it may be of some use in finding the bird's identity. This note was jotted down at the time of taking the set—

"Dark-not black-above, including top and sides of head; a whitish ring,-very faint-about the eye and extending about an eighth of an inch behind it, thus ○; under tail coverts and around the vent-bright yellow." The colors above were noted while the bird sat on the nest, facing me and the under parts as it flew from me; did not see the breast. As you suggest- I will send you the nest and eggs again in November, when probably a comparison with others will give a better idea of ~~this~~ what their name should be.

I have but two perfect sets of Whip-poor-will and could make room for ten sets more; my col-

lection is being formed ~~of~~ of series of sets, as far as possible, of my own taking. So I would not care to offer any Whippoorwill's in exchange; in fact I have firmly made up my mind to do no exchanging, as I find that ~~exch~~ eggs obtained in that way seem of little value to me, - probably because they are gotten so easily.

Thanking you kindly for you trouble, I am

Yours sincerely,
Harry K. Jamison.

Progress Mills,
Manayunk, Pa.

H. K. Jamison
Aug. 16-1887

H. K. Jackson
Nov. 18-1887

Progress Mills, Manayunk, Philadelphia.

Richard Hey & Sons,

Blanket Manufacturers.

Manayunk, Pa. Nov. 18, 1887

Mr. Wm. Brewster,
Dear Sir -

I have mailed you a box containing the nest and eggs of the doubtful Warbler and four sparrow's eggs. I wrote you fully about the former in August as no doubt you will remember. Your final conclusion was that they belonged either to the Mourning or Maryland Yellowthroat. I noticed, in a Smithsonian Bulletin - in a list of birds of Washington & vicinity, the record of the capture of the ~~species~~ mourning on May 19, at Falls Church; this place is within twenty miles of the village where my nest was found and its elevation is much lower. I mention this as it may show the possibility of this bird stopping to breed so far south. Comparison with your nests and eggs, I hope will satisfactorily settle the question.

The sparrow's eggs have puzzled me so I thought I would enclose them and let you see them. I took them June 12, '87 near Sea Isle

City, Cape May Co., N.J. The two marked 1/4 were taken from a nest which was placed in a bunch of grass growing on an elevated tuft, within fifty yards of the ocean; it was made of flat grasses outside and finer ones inside and was partially covered, the entrance being, as I would call it, oblique. The bird flushed from it was examined through my glass and I noted the sharply streaked breast, but am positive there was no yellow spot back of the eye. The two marked 1/2 were in a nest attached to a sprout five or six inches high concealed by grass which grew closely around it; it was made much like the last, the materials being the same. The bird flushed had a distinct yellow spot back of its eye and the breast was very faintly marked. From these descriptions I concluded that the the 1/4 was Sharp-tailed and 1/2 Seaside Sparrow, but I find that that Mr. Ladd, of West Chester, has eggs like my 1/4 marked Seaside and ones like my 1/2 marked Sharp-tailed, and I learn that the two species are generally named as Mr. Ladd has them. So if you will kindly give me your opinion about them I would be very much pleased.

Yours sincerely,
Harry K. Jamison
Progress Mills, Manayunk, Philadelphia.

The two nests above were found within a few yds of each other.